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TO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

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SUBJECT: AFGHAN-PAK RELATIONS

FOR AMBASSADOR AMBASSADORS ELIOT AND BYROADE FROM SOBER

REF: ISLAMABAD 1829,1846; KABUL 1367, 1368

1. APPRECIATE REFTEL REPORTS OF RESULTS OF PERCY INITIA-  
TIVE. PRESIDENT DAOUD'S RELUCTANCE TO GO ALONG WITH  
"UNDERSTANDING" REACHED WITH NAIM IN KATHMANDU HAS HISTORI-  
CAL PRECEDENTS WHEN DAOUD AND NAIM PREVIOUSLY HELD POWER.  
GOA APPARENTLY HAS CHOSEN TO REMAIN THE "INJURED PARTY"  
IN THIS LATEST CHAPTER OF ITS LONG BILATERAL DISPUTE WITH  
PAKISTAN. IT MAY BE THAT AFGHANS HAVE DECIDED THAT AGREE-  
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MENT TO DE-ESCALATE PROPAGANDA WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS

GOA ACCEPTANCE OF GOP'S RIGHT TO FREE HAND IN DEALING WITH  
PUSHTUNS AND BALUCH.

2. IN FOLLOWUP DISCUSSIONS OF PERCY INITIATIVE WE SHOULD  
SEEK TO MOVE PARTIES INTO THEIR OWN BILATERAL CHANNELS AND  
AVOID ONUS OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR OVERSEEING ANY RESULTING  
PROCESS THAT MAY BE INITIATED.

3. FOR KABUL: GIVEN NAIM'S COMMENTS TO CHARGE CURRAN ON  
THE GOA'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PERCY INITIATIVE (KABUL 1367).  
THERE SEEMS LITTLE PROSPECT OF POSITIVE GOA ACTION AT THIS  
TIME. HOWEVER, IN YOUR NEXT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT DAOUD,  
IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO REVIEW THE HISTORY AND SUBSTANCE OF  
THIS INITIATIVE. DRAWING ON SENATOR PERCY'S REPORT  
(MADRID 1393) ON HIS TALKS IN KATHMANDU, YOU SHOULD POINT  
OUT THAT WE CONSIDERED THIS A WORTHWILE EFFORT. THAT IS  
WHY THE SECRETARY TOOK UNUSUAL STEP OF SENDING PERSONAL  
MESSAGE TO HEADS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS URGING ACCEPTANCE.  
IN ENDORSING SENATOR PERCY'S PROPOSAL, WE RECOGNIZED THAT  
THE REDUCTION OF PROPAGANDA ON BOTH SIDES WOULD NOT IN  
ITSELF RESOLVE THE DEEPER ISSUES DIVIDING THE TWO SIDES.  
BUT WE BELIEVED A GESTURE SUCH AS THIS MIGHT HELP LEAD TO  
THE RESOTRATION OF THE PROMISING BILATERAL TALKS THAT HAD  
BEEN SCHEDULED LAST MONTH. YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO DRAW  
ON SENATOR PERCY'S ACCOUNT OF HIS FOLLOWUP HERE WITH  
AMBASSADOR MALIKYAR (REPORTED SEPTTEL).

4. FOR ISLAMABAD: YOU SHOULD CONVEY OUR APPRECIATION FOR  
PM'S ACCEPTANCE OF PERCY PROPOSAL. IN OUTLINING GOA  
RESPONSE TO DATE, YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT WE ARE REVIEW-  
ING THE PERCY PROPOSAL WITH THE GOA AND CONVEYING OUR VIEW  
THAT IT REPRESENTS A CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH. YOU SHOULD  
ALSO SHARE OUR PERCEPTION THAT THE AFGHANS APPEAR RELUC-  
TANT TO TONE DOWN PROPAGANDA WITHOUT OTHER CONCILIATORY  
GOP GESTURE TOWARD PATHANS IN THE FRONTIER. FINALLY, YOU  
SHOULD CONVEY OUR VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE  
GOP TO INFORM THE GOA DIRECTLY THROUGH ITS OWN BILATERAL  
CHANNELS OF ITS ACCEPTANCE OF THE PERCY RECOMMENDATION AS  
A POSSIBLE WAY OF ENCOURAGING A GOA RESPONSE. INGERSOLL

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